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The Honorable John Bohner U. S. House of Representives Washington. D. C. 20515

\_Subject: (NPRM-PR 92-235)



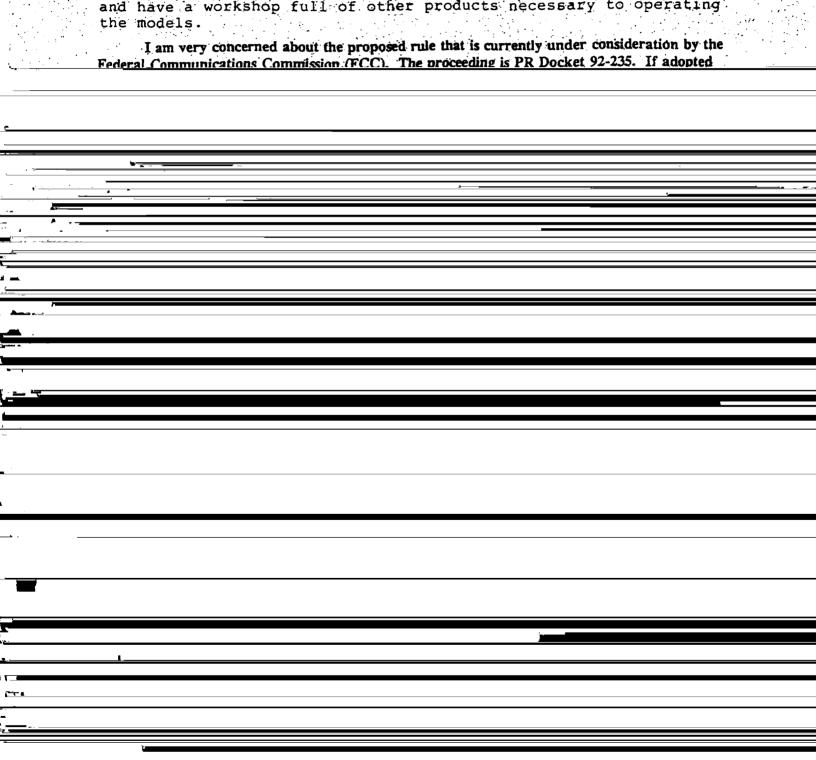
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Dear John.

Since I retired, I have enjoyed building and flying radio controlled model airplanes. I'm one of the 100 members of the Miami Radio Controlled Club which operates from a leased flying site near Middletown. There are three additional clubs (plus many unaffiliated hobbists), several R/C hobby shops and various R/C hobby manufacturers in your district. Approximately 1500 people are involved in the area you represent.

All of us are very concerned about proposed rules currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission under PR Docket 92-235. If these rules are adopted, the radio control hobby will be devastated. Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHZ band. This band is presently primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that neither use interferes with the other.

Under the proposed rules, the FCC would create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower band widths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move much closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference with radio control operation. PR Docket 92-235 will directly affect 70% of the R/C frequencies.

I personallty object to these proposed rules because they will deny me the enjoyment of the hobby, cause considerable financial hurt and create serious safety hazards. Todays "model airplanes" are truly minitature aircraft, many having wingspans in the 6 to 10 foot range and weighing 10 to 40 pounds. The radio equipment is highly sophisticated, utilizing computer chips and customized programming. An average modeller, I own 5 radio systems, 6 planes and engines, and modelling tools. I estimate my investment at approximately \$4000. The proposed rules would make most of the investment unusable and unsaleable. That is totally UNFAIR!

Many modellers will be unaware of the proposed rules changes and since land mobile interference will be unpredictable and intermittent, modellers will experience sudden, unexpected loss of aircraft control.

be hazardous to anyone and anything in the vicinity. Our hobby has a good safety record and enjoys very adequate insurance coverage. However, if PR Docket 92-235 is adopted, those who continue to fly will be out at risk and insurance coverage will be unavailable. John, a significant number of flying sites are located in municipal or state parks; so the hazards will be

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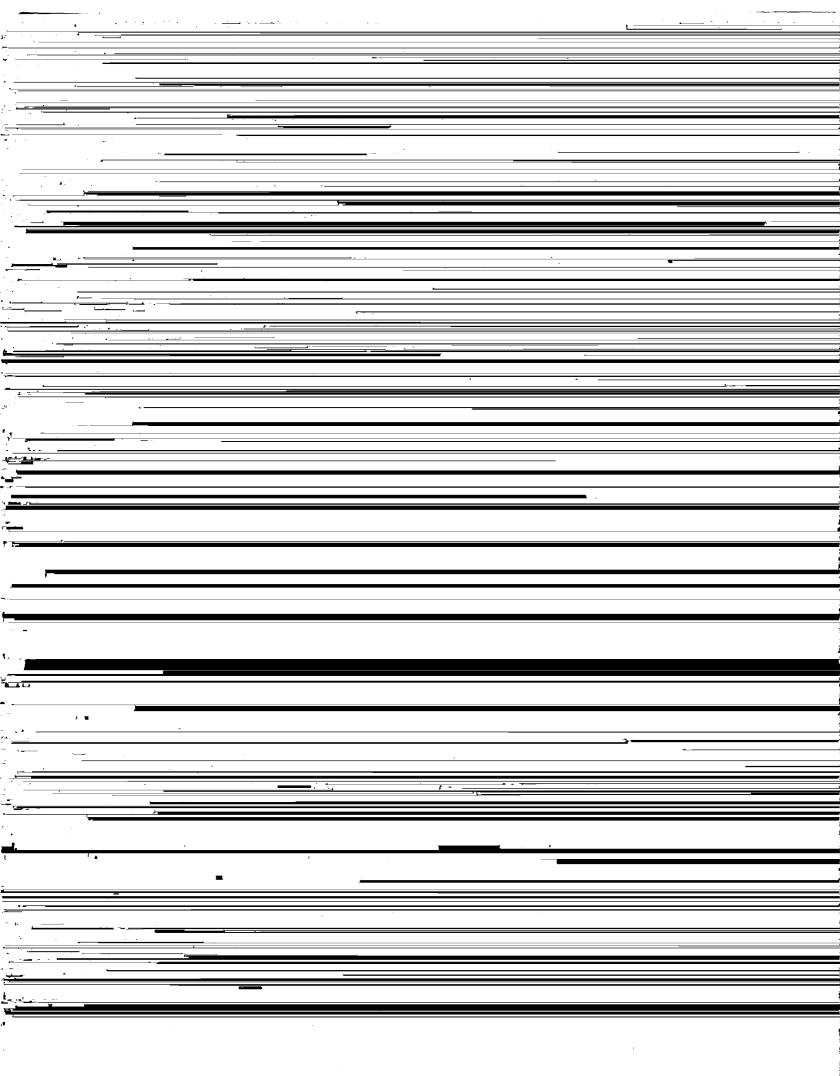
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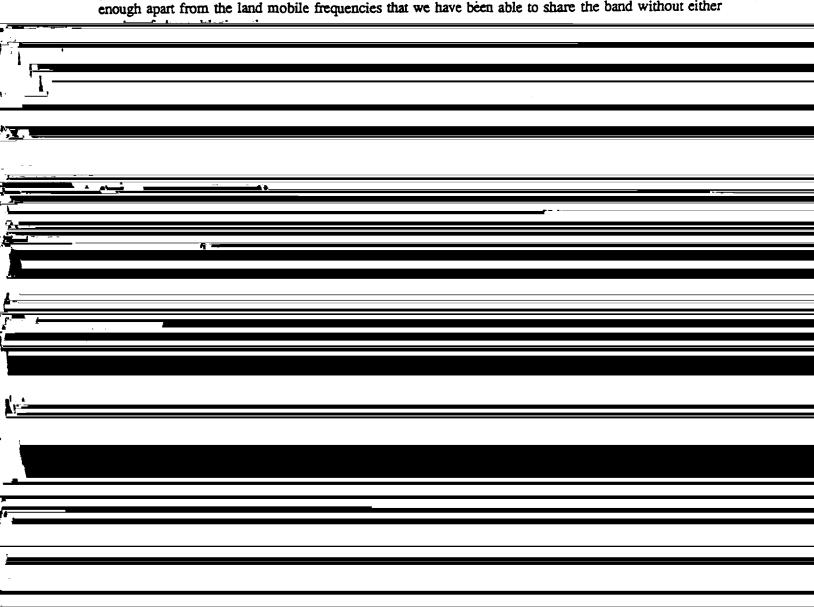
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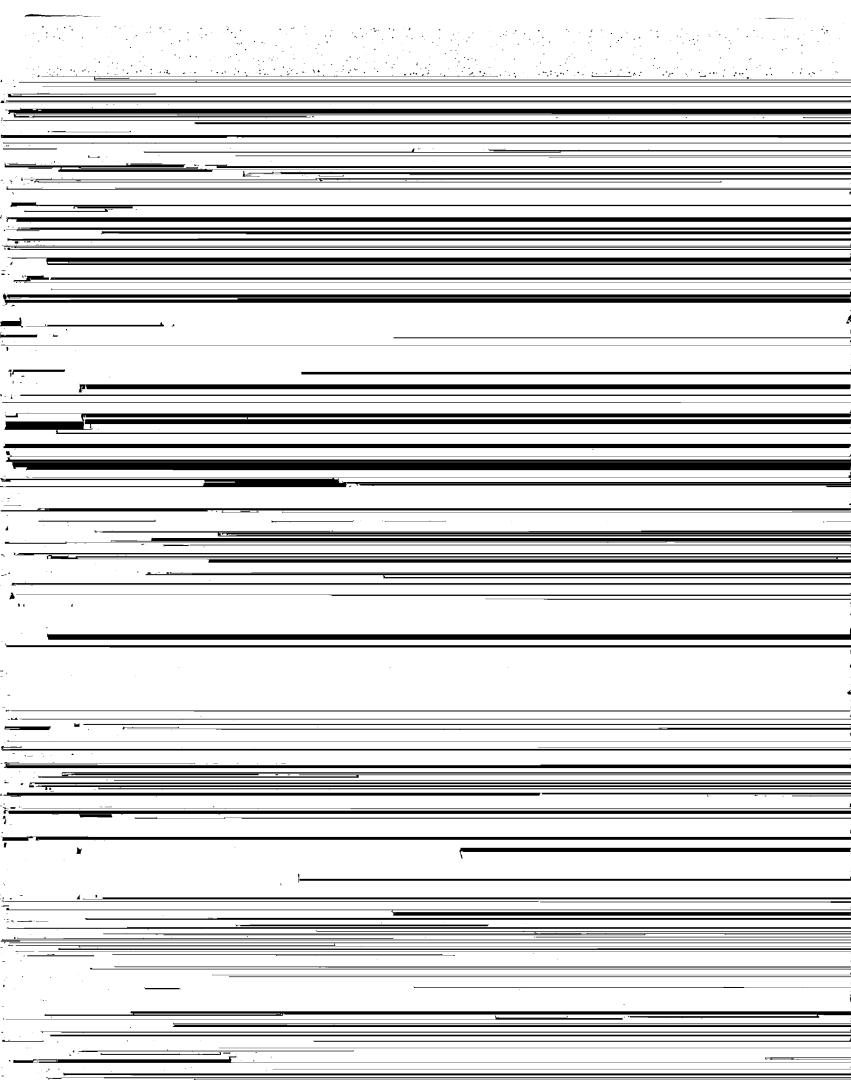
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